

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
ORANGEBURG DIVISION

Omar Guyton,

Petitioner,

vs.

Warden of FCI Edgefield,

Respondent.

Civil Action No. 5:22-1185-CMC

**ORDER**

This matter is before the court on Petitioner's *pro se* petition for writ of habeas corpus filed in this court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. ECF No. 1.

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Civil Rule 73.02 (B)(2)(c), DSC, this matter was referred to United States Magistrate Judge Kaymani D. West for pre-trial proceedings and a Report and Recommendation ("Report"). On July 7, 2022, Respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss or for Summary Judgment, arguing the case should be dismissed because Petitioner is not challenging his federal sentence, or, in the alternative, transferred to the Eastern District of Arkansas, as the proper respondent for Petitioner's claims is the State of Arkansas. ECF No. 24. After a *Roseboro* Order was entered Petitioner filed a response, requesting his case be transferred to the District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. ECF No. 27 at 1.

On December 1, 2022, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report recommending that the Petition be transferred to the District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, rendering Respondent's motion moot. ECF No. 31. The Magistrate Judge advised Petitioner of the procedures and requirements for filing objections to the Report and the serious consequences if he failed to do so. The court has received no objections and the time for filing such has expired.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the court. *See Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976). The court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of any portion of the Report of the Magistrate Judge to which a specific objection is made. The court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). The court reviews the Report only for clear error in the absence of an objection. *See Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a *de novo* review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.”) (citation omitted).

After reviewing the record of this matter, the applicable law, Respondent’s Motion, Petitioner’s Response, and the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge, the court agrees with the conclusions of the Magistrate Judge. Accordingly, the court adopts and incorporates the Report and Recommendation by reference in this Order. This case is hereby ordered to be transferred to the District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Respondent’s motion (ECF No. 24) is dismissed as moot.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/Cameron McGowan Currie  
CAMERON MCGOWAN CURRIE  
Senior United States District Judge

Columbia, South Carolina  
January 3, 2023